

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of making a material, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) generating a foamed hydrophilic polymer solution;

(b) coating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution onto a support substrate to form a coated support substrate; and

(c) treating said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution with sufficient energy and for sufficiently short time that a polymer foam having an open-cell structure is formed by exposing said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution to a source of microwave radiation for 8 minutes or less to form an open-cell structure.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic polymer comprises gelatin or a derivative thereof.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3, in which the step of treating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution lasts for 5 minutes or less.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, in which the step of treating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution lasts for 2 minutes or less.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of generating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution comprises high-shear stirring of a hydrophilic polymer solution such that air is entrained in said hydrophilic polymer forming bubbles therein.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of generating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution comprises adding a physical or chemical blowing agent to a solution of the hydrophilic polymer, and interacting with said blowing agent to cause it to decompose, thereby generating a blowing gas.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step of interacting with the blowing agent comprises heating the solution.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step of interacting with the blowing agent comprises adding an acid to said solution to react with the blowing agent, thereby generating gas.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of treating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution results in drying the coated support substrate.

12. (Original) A material obtainable by the method of claim 1.

13. (Original) An ink-jet receiver comprising a material according to claim 12.

14. (Original) The ink-jet receiver of claim 13, comprising a support and an ink-receiving layer on said support, said ink receiving layer comprising said material.

15. (Canceled)